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SUBJ: TRAVEL PLANS OF FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO EGYPT APRIL 22-24, AND

TO

EAST AND SOUTH ASIA IN MAY

1. FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA WILL LEAVE ROME FRIDAY APRIL 2

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TO VISIT CAIRO, RETURNING ON MONDAY, APRIL 24. SO FAR AS WE CAN DETER

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MINE THIS IS A ROUTINE VISIT TO A COUNTRY WITH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN F  
AO,

AND A VISIT TO AN IMPORTANT ARAB COUNTRY BY AN ARAB INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL. WE KNOW THAT A VISIT HAD BEEN PLANNED IN JANU-  
ARY, ONLY TO BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THE DISORDERS IN EGYPT. THEN  
SAOUMA WENT ON A TRIP TO BOGOTA, WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, AND OTTAWA.  
THE VISIT ALMOST TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK-END, APRIL 15-18, BUT WAS DEF-  
FERED TO THE COMING WEEK-END.

2. IN MAY, AFTER SESSIONS OF THE PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMIT-

TEES END ON MAY 9, SAOUMA PLANS TO TRAVEL TO CHINA, INDONESIA,

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SRI LANKA, AND INDIA. NO SCHEDULE IS YET AVAILABLE, BUT THIS MEANS  
WE CANNOT BE SURE OF HIS PRESENCE IN ROME DURING MOST OF MAY.

3. COMMENT: IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR THE GENEVA GROUP WISH TO  
MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO SAOUMA ON HIS BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE  
FAO COUNCIL SESSION IN JUNE, THEY SHOULD TRY TO MAKE THEM BEFORE  
MAY 9. GARDNER

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